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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A

ACTION: OSA (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15)

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MSN 3211

1. AUTOPILOT BECAME ERRATIC EARLY PART OF FLIGHT MSN 3211 AND COMPLETELY FAILED APPROX ONE HOUR PLUS 35 AFTER TAKE-OFF.

2. GROUND INSPECTION AFTER LANDING REVEALED THAT CIRCUIT BREAKER IN "A" PHASE OF AUTOPILOT HAD POPPED. FURTHER WRING-OUT HAS NOT UNCOVERED EXACT CAUSE. TECHNICIAN BELIEVES IT WAS CAUSED BY POWER SUPPLY OR AMPLIFIER.

3. THE POWER SUPPLY AND AMPLIFIER WILL BE CHANGED INCLUDING MOD PROVIDED BY SB 618. IMPOSSIBLE TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE THIS WILL PROVIDE THE FIX WITHOUT BENEFIT OF TEST HOP.

4. DUE TO FACT THAT MALFUNCTION COULD POSSIBLY REPEAT ON NEXT FLIGHT RECOMMEND MSN 3212 SCHED FOR 13 JAN BE CANCELLED AND THAT A TEST HOP BE ACCOMPLISHED PRIOR TO NEXT OPERATION MSN. PLEASE REPLY

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5. FOR [REDACTED] IF HQ CONCURS IN PARA 4 VERY IMPORTANT TEST HOP BE FLOWN AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME TO REGAIN OPERATIONAL READINESS

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POSTURE [REDACTED] WILL BE READY TO LAUNCH A TEST HOP AT SCHED DEPARTURE

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TIME FOR MSN 3212 13/0140Z. WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE SCHEDULED  
OPERATIONAL MSN TO A LOCAL TEST HOP WITH SAME TAKE-OFF TIME  
13/0140Z SINCE ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ALREADY EXPECTING TAKE-OFF AT  
THAT TIME. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

END OF MESSAGE